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In re Application of: Ye et al.

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Examiner: Raghu

For: Amylase

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2008 that made restriction and election of species requirements. Applicants were requested to elect one of three designated groups.

In response to these requirements, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group 1 and the species of SEQ ID NO:2. In regard to the species election, the Examiner states that the sequences have a different structure and function. Applicants respectfully submit that the sequences clearly have a highly similar structure and function as both are highly related sequences derived from the same organism. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the species election is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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